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SUBJ: FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA'S COMMENTS ON EVE OF  
MFM IN QUITO.

FOR US DELEGATION TO QUITO MFM

1. IN AN EXCLUSIVE NOV 5 INTERVIEW APPEARING IN EL HERALDO, FONSEC RABASA SAID THAT 14 FAVORABLE VOTES (ON LIFTING OAS SANCTIONS) ARE ALMOST CERTAIN. AT THE SAME TIME, HE CONCEDED THAT CHILE, PARAGUAY, AND URUGUAY WILL VOTE AGAINST RAISING THE SANCTIONS AND THE VOTING POSITIONS OF THE US, GUATEMALA, BRAZIL AND OTHER COUNTRIES ARE NOT KNOWN.

2. ADDITIONALLY, RABASA POINTED OUT THAT "WE (I.E. THE GOM) HAVE OFFERED, IF THE TWO COUNTRIES (I.E. THE US AND CUBA) DESIRED, TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARIES IN THEIR POSSIBLE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS." HE SAID THAT HE HAD INDICATED TO BOTH CASTRO AND KISSINGER IN MAKING THIS OFFER THAT THE GOM CONSIDERS THE RESUMPTION OF US-CUBA RELATIONS IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH NATIONS AND OF THE NATIONS OF THE  
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HEMISPHERE. NEITHER GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, HAS DECLINED OR

GIVEN A CONCLUSIVE RESPONSE TO MEXICO'S OFFER.

3. WITH RESPECT TO ECONOMIC MATTERS, RABASA NOTED THAT THE TRADE REFORM ACT, WHICH THE US CONGRESS IS EXPECTED TO PASS THIS YEAR, GRANTS THE PRESIDENT CONSIDERABLE AUTHORITY TO OPEN AND CLOSE THE US TO INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE. HE CALLED PRESIDENT FORD'S OFFER TO USE THIS NEW AUTHORITY TO REDUCE MEXICO'S DEFICIT TRADE BALANCE WITH THE US ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE FORD-ECHEVERRIA MEETING LAST MONTH. RABASA ALSO STATED THAT THE US HAS MADE NO REQUEST FOR INCREASED IMPORTS OF MEXICAN OIL.

4. WITH RESPECT TO THE BRACERO PROBLEM, RABASA BELIEVES THE CURRENTLY PROPOSED GOM FISCAL REFORM WHICH WILL DIVERT INCREASED TAX RESOURCES TO RURAL AREAS WILL PROPORTIONATELY REDUCE THE EXODUS OF RURAL WORKERS TO THE US. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID THAT UNDER A NEW US LAW OR "PRESIDENTIAL RESOLUTION" (SIC) WHICH IS BEING STUDIED, "THOSE (FOREIGN) NATIONALS WHO MEET CERTAIN REQUISITES WITH REGARD TO THEIR WORK, MARITAL STATUS, OR THE BIRTH OF CHILDREN IN (US) TERRITORY WOULD BE CONSIDERED LEGALLY IN THE COUNTRY (I.E.THE US)."

5. RABASA ANNOUNCED THAT, IN ACCORD WITH PRESIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS, MEXICAN CONSULAR OFFICERS WILL REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF AND INSURE HUMANE TREATMENT FOR MEXICANS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ARE IN THE US LEGALLY OR ILLEGALLY. HE NOTED THAT MEXICAN CONSULAR OFFICERS ARE ALREADY ASSIGNED TO THREE DETENTION (REPATRIATION) CENTERS ALONG THE FRONTIER AND SAID THEY WOULD REQUEST SIMILAR FACILITIES IN A FOURTH SUCH CENTER (POSSIBLY AT THE BORDER PATROL STAGING CENTER IN CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA).  
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